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SUBJ: 29TH GA: SECOND COMMITTEE - ITEM 42, UNCTAD MTN RES

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1. SUMMARY: CONSULTATIONS ON UNCTAD MTN RES CONTINUED
IN LARGER GROUP. THE PRIOR WORK OF THE GROUP WAS REVIEWED,
AND SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE IN ORDER TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON
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FINAL TWO PARAS IN ORIGINAL TEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS OF DRAFT RES AS IT STANDS AT THIS POINT
IN THE NEGOTIATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT A/C.2/L.1357, MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS:

RECALLING RESOLUTION 82 (III) OF 20 MAY 1972 OF THE UN
CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND GA RESOLUTIONS
3041 (XXVII) OF 19 DECEMBER 1972 AND 3085 (XXVIII) OF 6
DECEMBER 1973,

RECALLING ALSO THE DECLARATION OF 14 SEPTEMBER 1973,
WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD IN
TOKYO, AS WELL AS THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE MEETING,

NOTING RESOLUTION 116 (XIV) OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF 13 SEPTEMBER 1974,

RECALLING GA RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI), SUGGESTING GUIDELINES
FOR BRINGING ABOUT JUST AND EQUITABLE TERMS OF TRADE OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND PROPOSING CONCRETE MEASURES TO
ELIMINATE PERSISTENT TRADE DEFICITS OF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES,

RECALLING ALSO THAT THE FIRST BIENNIAL EXERCISE ON REVIEW
AND APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE STRATEGY
TO MAINTAIN A STANDSTILL, PARTICULARLY ON TARIFF AND
NON-TARIFF BARRIERS ON MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED
PRODUCTS, HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY OBSERVED BY SOME
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,

RECALLING ALSO THAT THE DECLARATION ADOPTED IN TOKYO
CALLED STATED THAT THE MINISTERS INTENDED THAT THE TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS BE CONCLUDED IN 1975, AND THAT EFFECTIVE
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT EVEN STARTED.

AWARE THAT THE DELAY IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
HAS HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON DIFFERENT INITIATIVES IN THE
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TRADE FIELD, WITH UNFAVOURABLE CONSEQUENCES ON THE PROMOTION
OF TRADE IN GENERAL AND OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR,

CONVINCED THAT THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
SITUATION CALLS FOR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AT EXPANDING THE
EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AT PROTECTING AND
EXPANDING THE REAL VALUE OF THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS AND

EXPANDING THE GROWTH OF WORLD TRADE AS A WHOLE,

1. CALLS UPON ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENTER IMMEDIATELY INTO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE SCHEDULE LAID DOWN IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION IS ADHERED TO;

2. CONSIDERS THAT THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TRADE INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES;

3. STRESSES THE NEED FOR THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF THE CONCEPT OF DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE DIFFERENT FIELDS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SO AS TO ENSURE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO THOSE COUNTRIES;

4. STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ESCALATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE AND TO THIS END URGES DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO REFRAIN FROM INTRODUCING, OR INCREASING THE INCIDENCE OF, CUSTOMS DUTIES OR NON-TARIFF BARRIERS ON PRODUCTS CURRENTLY OR POTENTIALLY OF PARTICULAR EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OR FROM HAVING RECOURSE IN ANY OTHER MANNER TO UNILATERAL MEASURES, OF EITHER GENERAL OR SPECIFIC NATURE TO RESTRICT THE EXPORT EARNING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

5. URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY INTRODUCED OR IMPOSED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR RESTRICTONS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AGAINST SUCH COUNTRIES, TO ELIMINATE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

6. INVITES THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MTN TO INSURE THAT THROUGH REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT THE TNC AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTATION THE SYG OF UNCTAD IS FULLY ENABLED TO DISCHARGE HIS RESPONSIBILITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH REGARD TO THE MTN WITHIN THE FIELD OF HIS COMPETENCE,

7. INVITES FURTHER THE DG OF GATT IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TNC TO PREPARE AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS BEARING IN MIND THE PURPOSES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, 1975, AND TO SUBMIT IT TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THAT SPECIAL SESSION AND TO UPDATE IT AS NECESSARY,

8. REQUESTS THE SYG OF UNCTAD WITHIN HIS FIELD OF COMPETENCE AND WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ALSO TO PREPARE AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SUBMIT IT TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE UPDATING IT AS NECESSARY,

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3. US REP MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A AND PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ON ORIGINAL PARAGRAPHS FOUR AND FIVS. ONLY FRG, ITALY AND US REFUSED TO PREDICT THAT THEIR CAPITALS MIGHT RESPOND FAVORABLY TO PRESENT OP-PARA SIX BECAUSE OF CONTINUED USE OF WORD "REGULAR." US DEL RAISED POINT IN PARA SEVEN REFTEL A THAT FRENCH FORMULATION FOR PRESENT OP-PARA SEVEN WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS LONG AS PHRASE "IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TNC" REMAINED. NO OTHER DELEGATION EXPRESSED DIFFICULTY WITH THIS FORMULATION.

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AS FAR AS REGARDS PRESENT OP-PARA EIGHT, US DEL EXPRESSED DIFFICULTY WITH CONTINUED REFERENCE TO PROGRAM OF ACTION IN THAT THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM ARE OBJECTED TO BY THE USG. AT MEETING ONLY ITALY AND FRG STATED DOUBT THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS COULD ACCEPT SUCH A REFERENCE TO THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

4. US DEL CONSULTED PRIVATELY WITH EE'S ON POLISH AMENDMENT (PRESENT OP-PARA TWO). THEY ARE NOT UNWILLING TO SEE THIS TEXT AMENDED AS LONG AS IT INCLUDES IDEA THAT MTN'S SHOULD NOT PROCEED IN DISREGARD OF TRADE INTERESTS OF NON-PARTICIPANTS. THEY FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS SOLE PARA IN PRESENT DRAFT TO STATE THAT ALL COUNTRIES, NOT JUST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SHOULD HAVE THEIR INTERESTS FURTHERED IN THE MTN'S.

5. UNTIL NOW LACK OF FLEXIBILITY BY CO-SPONSORS HAD MAINTAINED COMMON POSITION AMONG EC-9, JAPAN AND U.S. IN NINE DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS, JAPAN HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN ABSENT AND HAS INTERVENED BUT ONCE. UNTIL NOW FRANCE, AS SPOKESMAN FOR EC-9, HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY THEIR EC-9 PARTNERS. HOSEVER, AT THIS POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS, THE NETHERLANDS, UK, AND FRANCE WILLING TO CONSIDER CONCESSIONS UNACCEPTABLE TO BOTH ITALY AND FRG.

COMMENT: US DEL IS APPREHENSIVE THAT TOKYO AGREEMENT AMONG EC-9, JAPAN, AND US MENTIONED IN PARA SIX REFTEL A IS NOT PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE COHESION AMONG GROUP. THIS IS EVIDENT NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO PRESENT OP-PARA SIX, BUT ALSO WITH REGARD TO REFERENCE TO PROGRAM OF ACTION. ON THIS LAST POINT, AFTER US REP, ITALY AND FRG EXPLAINED VIGOROUS NATURE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS' OBJECTION TO PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION RELEVANT TO THE MTN, THE CO-SPONSORS POINTED OUT THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE PROGRAM OF ACTION IN THIS DRAFT APPLIES ONLY TO THE UNCATD SYG AND NOT GOVERNMENTS. AS THE PROGRAM OF ACTION IS A VALID RES OF THE GA, IT THEREFORE APPLIES TO UNCTAD, AND CO-SPONSORS STATED THAT INDIVIDUAL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROGRAM CANNOT AFFECT UNCTAD MANDATE TO PERFORM ITS TASKS UNDER A VALID GA RES.

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PRESSURE FOR FINAL DECISION ON THIS RESOLUTION IS MOUNTING, AND CHAIRMAN HAS PRIVATELY STATED HIS INTENTION THAT FINAL ACTION BE TAKEN BY NOVEMBER 12.

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